

11/D
P/F
8/17/03

GENERAL HOSPITAL SUPPLY CORPORATION
196 Danbury Road, Wilton, Connecticut 06897
(800) 548-1004 * (203) 834-0433
Fax (203) 834-9722

Date: August 12, 2003
To: United State Patent & Trademark Office
Attn: Exr. Strimbu, G.
Re: Atty Docket #0701.027
Fax #: 703-305-3597

Total Number of Pages: 12 * Fax Reply Requested? Yes X No

As requested, to follow please find our response to Office Action regarding
U.S.S.N. 09/843,211.

If this transmission is unsuccessful, please contact Monica Schulz at
(800) 548-1004.

Thank you.

OFFICIAL
FAX RECEIVED
AUG 14 2003
GROUP 3600



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
DIVISION OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Paper No.

Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (Voluntary Revised Practice)

The amendment filed 6-9-03 under the voluntary revised amendment practice guidelines¹, published in the Official Gazette on February 25, 2003 (*Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted*, 1267 Off. Gazette 106), does not fully comply with minimal requirements of the voluntary practice. In order for the amendment to be entered, it must either (1) comply with the guidelines of the voluntary revised amendment practice (which practice invokes waivers of certain 37 CFR 1.121(a)-(d) requirements) or (2) comply with current 37 CFR 1.121 requirements.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM(S) IN APPLICANT'S AMENDMENT CAUSES THE AMENDMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT WITH THE VOLUNTARY REVISED AMENDMENT PRACTICE.

- ☒ 1. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present in the amendment paper Including cancelled claims.
- ☐ 2. The listing of claims does not include the text of all claims currently under examination.
- ☐ 3. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.
- ☐ 4. Each claim has not been provided with a status identifier, and, as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be determined.
- ☐ 5. Other: _____

LIE: Check one of the following boxes:

- ☐ **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT:** Applicant is given ONE MONTH from the mail date of this letter to re-submit the amendment in compliance with either the guidelines of the revised amendment practice or current 37 CFR 1.121. Failure to comply with either the current 37 CFR 1.121 practice or with the voluntary practice will result in non-entry of the amendment and examination on the merits will commence without entry of the originally proposed preliminary amendment. This notice is not an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, and this ONE MONTH time limit is not extendable.
- ☒ **AMENDMENT AFTER NON-FINAL ACTION:** Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be a bona fide response, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE MONTH from the mailing of this notice within which to re-submit an amendment which complies with either the voluntary practice guidelines or current 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD ARE AVAILABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

[Signed by Team Leader]

Team Leader

[Signature]

For further explanation of the guidelines of the revised amendment format, please see the posted notice and sample amendment format at:
<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/depr/amlp/prognotice/office/lyer.pdf> and
<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/amlp/prognotice/formatrevanddprc.pdf>

March 26, 2003

OFFICIAL

FAX RECEIVED

AUG 14 2003

GROUP 3600